

## City & Region

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### Reporters' Notebook

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OLAF FUB SEZ: According to action star Chuck Norris, born Carlos Ray Norris on this date in 1940, "Men are like steel. When they lose their temper, they lose their worth."

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WARM WELCOME – Those working in the hospitality industry are invited as Santora's Pizza Pub and Grill, 7800 Transit Road, hosts a Hospitality Night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday.

In addition to hospitality workers, the public also is welcome. Cost is \$5 at the door with all proceeds going to Variety Club and its programs benefiting Women & Children's Hospital.

There will be beer sampling, other beverages, hors d'oeuvres, live music, auctions and raffles. For info and donations, call Jessica Aronica at 830-4651 or email [jessica@santoras.com](mailto:jessica@santoras.com).

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ALL EARS – A new Puppy Tales Story Time series begins at 10:15 a.m. Friday in Dog Ears Bookstore and Café, 688 Abbott Road. The six-week program is for children ages 2 to 4 accompanied by an adult.

In addition to stories, each session includes a craft and snacks. Enrollment is \$20. Space is limited. For more info and to reserve a place, call 823-2665.

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FOSSIL FACILITATORS – The Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center will hold its annual volunteer training program from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday in the auditorium of Gateway Executive Office, 3556 Lake Shore Road, Blasdell.

Students, scouts, families, seniors and anyone interested in introducing visitors to the top-rated fossil park in the U.S. are welcome. Fee is \$30 for materials, free for Penn Dixie members. Preregistration is required. For info, call 627-4560.

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THE BIG PICTURE – A national Waldorf schools speaker will be featured as Aurora Waldorf School, 525 West Falls Road, West Falls, holds an Education Weekend program Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Patrice Maynard, who served for nine years as leader for outreach and development for the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America, will speak at 7 p.m. Friday on "Waldorf Education: An Uncommon Core" and at 8:45 a.m. Saturday on "Opt In! To Joy in a Lifetime of Learning."

Saturday morning's session also will include a presentation on movement by Aurora Waldorf teacher Jeff Tunkey and a panel discussion. Both sessions are free and open to the public. For info, call 655-2029 or visit [www.aurorawaldorfschool.org](http://www.aurorawaldorfschool.org).

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ARTISTS WANTED – Young Audiences of Western New York is looking for new teaching artists to provide assembly programs, workshops and long-term residencies in all art forms in schools throughout the region. The deadline for applications is March 31.

Young Audiences also is looking for curriculum proposals from teaching artists who wish to lead a group of 10 teens for six weeks during this summer's ArtWorks program, a job-training program for potential teen apprentices living in Buffalo. Proposals are needed by April 17. For info on both programs, visit

yawny.org and click on “In the News.”

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**WOMEN OF NOTE** – Nineteen outstanding Buffalo-area women will be honored at the fifth annual Women Making History Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday in Classics V Banquets, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst.

They include Ramona Reynolds, Edla Collora, Danielle Judge, Mattie Stevenson, Lourdes Iglesias, Shetice Williams, Dr. Davina Moss-King, Kaamalal Robinson, LaQuinta M. Jones, Quinnae Thompson, Sharon Cottman, Maritza Vega, Toni DuBois, Sharon Hanson, Sawrie Becker, Hadar Borden, Anita Williams, Maria Rivera and Lori Miller.

Keynote speaker will be Dawn Sanders-Garrett, executive director of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Entertainment will include performances by Peaches and Kenny Sutton and the Matthew Clark Academy School of Dance.

Tickets are \$55 and include an open bar. Part of the proceeds benefit the Virginia D. Moore-Rainey Fighting Lung Cancer Organization, which supports families during lengthy stays in the Hematology/Oncology Unit at Women & Children’s Hospital. For tickets and info, call 507-8696 or visit [utopiann.com](http://utopiann.com).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Michael Wolfgang, Robert Alan Davis, Aubrey Turner, Peter Grubea, Marlies Wesolowski, Katie Fritz, Sammy Jo Reynolds, Barbe Johnson, Morgan Halt, David Badaszewski, John Tiberio, Steve Matuszewski, Ann Russell, Sister Martha Olszewski, Bertha Hahns, Albert Derrico, Jeffrey Marsowicz, Meg Lema and Vi Keller.

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